## CITY INTELLIGENCE.

METHODISM.

The Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Conference-The Opening Pro-

ecid ngs.

The annual meeting of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopai Church ference of the Methodist in the Union M. E. church, Fourth street, below Arch. The sessions are always attended with much interest, but the present year it is intensified by the consideration of the fact that this is the first meeting of the body in its present geographical status. At the general conference neid in the city of Calesgo, May, 1868, the old Philadelphia Onference was divided, and constituted two conferences. The one part is called the Wilming'on Conference, and embraces all the terform of the old conference lying south of the Bate sine, being the who c of the State of Deia ward and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. Its first session meets to-day in the city of Wilmington, Bishop Simpson will preside. The readers of The Evaning Telegraph will find a rejort of its doings in another commun.

The Philadelphia Conference, as at present constituted, numbers about two hundred mini-i-ters, or two thirds of the old conference. The is ters, or two thirds of the old conference. The isters, or two thirds of the old conference. The fides of landrecoupled by these ministers are in that part of our State lying north of the D laware line, south of the Bine Mountains, west of the Delaware river, and east of the Busquehanns. It embraces a number of the most beautiful and interesting towns in the State, bus cities of Reading, Harrisburs, Lancaster, Aueguery, Chester, and the rapidly increasing and important towns of Pottsyllic, West Chester, Easton, and many other places beautiful for situation. It is, to respect to health, enterprise, and plety, one of the best among the seventy one conferences of the Methodist Onarch.

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This morning the ministers were generally in their seats at the opening, which took place Bishop Thompson, who presides, was never

Bishop Thompson, who presides, was never acting chairman of the conference before. The religious exercises were introduced by the Bishop, who read for the morning lesson the fourteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel. The 137th hymn was sung:—

"He house of Thine abode," etc.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. A. Atwood and Rev. Dr. Cooke.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference, congratulating the ministers upon the assembling of the body under circumstances of so much favor. Though the number present is greatly reduced by the division, yet it may still be regarded that Philadelphia is one of the most highly favored cities of the Conference. It has the whole of a first class city and neveral a cond-class cities within its bounds. It is claimed that there are more Methodists in this city than any other city in the world. He this city than any other city in the world. He did not know toat this was so, as he had not did not know toat this was so, as he had not examined the figures, but the state of religion within its bonnas make it very destrable. The Bishop then proceeded to give some suggestions as to the proper mode of conducting business, which seemed to us to be a little out of place before a body so old, and at the same well managed and orderly as this body he of place before a body so old, and at the same well managed and orderly, as this body has always been known to be. Indeed, it has always been remarkable in this respect.

At the close of the Bisnop's remarks, the Berretary of the former session, key. Dr. Pattison, was called forward, who proceeded to call the roll.

Rev. Dr. Pattison was elected the Secretary

of the present session. Revs. G. W. Lybrand, A. M. Wiggins, and W. J. Paxson were re-elected Assistant Secretaries. The hour of 0 o'clock A. M. was agreed upon as the hour of beginning and 12 M. as the hour of the adjournment of the daily sessions. usual standing committees were ap-

The rules of order which governed the last session were adopted for the government of the A draft was ordered upon the chartered fund

A paper was read on the subject of lay delegation, signed by a number of gentiemen of New York. A committee of five on the subject Mass ordered.

A paper was read from the Mission House at New York, which was referred to the Presiding

A communication was received and read from the Bunday School Union of the M. E. Church. From it we select the following statistics:

Officers and teachers...... 191,869 19,674 Volumes in library.......2,749 54 mber of conversions ... The increase in the circulation of the Sunday School Journal since June 1, 1898, is 16,500!

The work of the Sunday School Union is divided into four departments, each under the direction of an efficient committee:

1. The Department of Banevolence,

2. The Department of Publication.

3. The Department of Statistics.

4. The Department of Statistics.

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A paper was read giving the proceedings of a joint meeting of Boards of Stewards of the Philadelphia Conference and the new Wilmington Conference.

A division of the claimants upon the funds of the old Conference has been made by them upon the bases of the residence of the claimants at the time of the conference division.

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The case of young preachers who have been one year on trial in the Conference was taken up, and the following were continued after being favorably represented:—Edwin C. Griffith, John W. Knapp, J. W. Wright, Hiram U. Seabring, and James C. Wood.

The case of those ministers who are partially disabled and hold what is called a supernumerary relation to the Conference, was taken up and the following were continued in that relation:—Revs. Charles Shock, Charles Karsuer, M. D. W. L. Roswell, with an appointment; J. R. Merrill, J. B. Ayars, John Edwards, James Neill, with an appointment; W. H. Formosa with an appointmen; D. L. Patterson, C. Walters, and C. J. Crouch.

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Rev. William Trickett was made effective, in view of his appointment as Professor at Dickinson College Grammar School, Rev. S, M. Cooper was placed in a superannuated relation at his own request. Revs. I. R. Merrill, D. D. Hudson, and Andrew Manship, Rev. C. I. Little was made effective in view of his appointment to a Professorship in the Williamsport Seminary.

The following paper, presented by Rev. Joseph Mason, was adopted.

Whereas, We have learned, with sorrow, of the death of Rov. Daniel George, a member of this Conference, who died on last Saboata afternoon, and is to be buried to-morrow afternoon, at 2 P. M., from his late residence, at Oiney, therefore. Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved

family our tenderest sympathies in this the hour of their sorrow.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to attend his foureral, and that, as far in our power, we will also personally be

Resolved, That Rays, Joseph Mason, C. F. Turner, M. A. Day, G. Cummins, J. Todd, N. B. Durrell, and W. J. Paxson, be the committee to

Durrell, and W. J. Paxson, be the committee to represent the Conference.

The old conference hair trunk, recently found, was on motion presented to the Methodist Historical Society of the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Carrow read a paper in favor of four Presiding Elder Districts, the consideration of which was made the order of the day for tomorrow after the call of the stowards.

The case of worn-out ministers was taken up, and Rev. P. Hellowell was continued in that leistion. The Conference then adjourned by expiration of time. Notices were a nounced, The benediction was pronounced by Rev. John e benediction was pronounced by Rev. John

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following is a list of the standing committees, as announced this morning:—
On Public Worship.—R. J. Carson, M. D. Kurtz, J. B. Maddux, William J. Paxson, G. Orem, J. F. Chaplain, P. J. Cox.
To Prepare Minutes for Publication.—R. H. Pattison, S. W. Toomas, G. W. Lybrand, J. S. J. McConnell, B. Lucas.
To Collect General Statistics.—J. S. Cook, C. P. Masden, J. S. Hughes, D. W. Gordon, William J. Mills.

To Collect and Arrange Missionary Statistics
L. B. Hughes, G. G. Rakestraw, B. T. String,
V. E. Church, W. Coffman,
On Education—J. F. Chapiain, G. D. Carrow,
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Dew, I. Mast.
On Bible Cause—William McComb, J. F.
Meredith, H. R. Callaway, H. E. Gilroy, G.
Heasock. Heacock.
On Bunday Schools—C. F. Turner, C. H.
Fayne, J. E. Meredith, G. W. McLaughlin, WilBan Rink.
On Tract Cause—William Mullen, M. A. Day,
J. Aspril, T. Stevens, J. Lindamuth.

On Temperance—C. Cook, William B. Wood, J. F. Crouch, R. Owen, S. Pancoass. On Finance—G. Cammios. J. M. Wheeler, J. S. Lame, William S. Pugh, E. T. Keeney. On Charch Extension—C. I. Thompson, Wil-uam Major, J. W. Jackson, J. H. Alday, N. Frame.
On Post Offices—William Swindells, G. W. F. Graff, William P. Howell, H. F. Isst, J. J.

Timanus,
On Missions—The Presiding Elders,
On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stew-

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY will be held on Friday evening, in Green Street, M. E. Church. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. T. Tasker, Sr., Rav. R. Humouriss and Rev S. C. H. Smith. Tickets of admission can be obtained at the Methodist Book Room, No. 1018 Arch at eet, or at the Union M. E. Church.

First Anniversary of the Ladies' and Fastors' thristian Union. This is a society organized in the Methodist Episcopal churches of this city about one year since, the object of which is to employ the women of the Church in working for Jesus. women of the Church in working for Jesus. The ladies of each congregation are organized, so that the families of the neighborhood in

which a church is located are visited and their temporal and spiritual necessities inquired after and reports made to the pastor. Last evening the first annual meeting of the General Union was held in Green Street Church. The spacious and beauuful building was well filled.

Bishop Simpson took the chair. The singing was conducted by Professor W. G. Fischer. After the hymn,

"From all that dwell below the akles." was sung, the Rev. R. H. Pattison, D. D., offered was sing, the reev. R. H. Patrison, D. D., Marsan, a prayer.
The annual report was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Annie M. Witenmyer. It was a well written and interesting document, ably prepared and beautifully suggestive.
The Rev. C. H. Payne, of the Arch Street. Church, being introduced, proceeded to deliver an address chaste, finished, and superb. Rev. C. P. Marsden also delivered an excellent

address. Rev. Dr. Cooke was called on for a speech, but he apologized, and in his place he intro-duced the Rev. Bisnop Thompson. Rev. Bishop Simpson mace some closing re-

maiss.

A collection was made to aid in carrying for waid the grand and Christlika work of the society, which amounted to over two hundred dollars, and the congregation was then dismissen with the benediction.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

How it is Being Celebrated in This City. We predicted yesterday, judging from the signs of the sky, that to-day, the 17th of March, signs of the sky, that to-day, the first of o'clock St. Patrick's Day, would be clear. At 10 o'clock last evening the heavens began lowering in gloom, the stars veiled themselves in, and the gloom, the stars veiled themselves in, and the regretted our audacity in saying that old "Saint Pat" would yield his ancient right to have a stormy time on the anniversary of his death, and jotted ourselves down as a false prophet. When day broke, however, this morn-ing, and the sky still appeared empty of rain, while the windwasgentle our spirits revived; we congratulated ourselves that though our escape was a narrow one, it still was an escape; and greeted the few straggling rays of the ductous sun as welcome friends. But we are not quite as bold as we were yesterday, and do not now say that St. Patrick will not before midnight say that \$1. Pairick will not before midnight moisten us with rain or twirl us in wind. As we write the sun is learful of suining more than a moment at a time, and the clouds are getting more black and dense. But let "Ould Ireland's Saint" have his way. We wont take it amiss if he does rage a little. In fact, to keep up the consistency of his custom, we don't know but that we would rather have him raise a muss in the weather. Whatever he does, the projected celebrations of the day by our Irish cuizens are certain of coming off. certain of coming off.

THE RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION. This morning his festival was duly commemo rated in St. Patrick's Church, Twentieth and Lecust sts., by grand and impressive religious services. Long before the hour fixed for the commencement of the services, the church was literally packed to suffocation, the sistes, the galleries, the doorways, and even the space in front of the sanc wary being filled with people. The alians were magnificently illuminated and florally and otherwise decorated, presenting a really beautiful appearance. At 10½ o'clock the ecclesisatical body entered the sanctuary. and the solemn Pontifical Mass was commenced by Right Rev. William O'Hara, Bishop of Scranton, and former Pastor of St. Patrick's

Church.

The music now broke forth, delighting every ear. It was the Grand Mass of Haydn in D, sung by a powerful choir under the direction of Mr. Thomas E. Hargins, with Mr. William A. Newland presiding at the superior-toned organ. The opening prayer, "Kyrie Eleison—Christe Eleison." was given with much numers, after which came the more stirring strains of "Gloria in Excelsis" which is not sung during Lent. exin Execusis. ' which is not sung during Lent, except by special dispensation on the fes-tival of Ireland's Patron Saint, and then only in the churches under his immediate patronage. The soprano passages immediate patrolage.

of this and the following passages of the mass
were sustained with unusual ability by Miss P.
A. Donnelly, and the noile solo, "Que Tottis," A. Donnelly, and the noile solo, "Que Tottis," was effectually sung by Mr. William Hartusan, leader of the Young Mennerchor Society. The offertorium was the celebrated "Date Sonitum" of Costa, for base solo and cherus.

of Costa, for base solo and chords.

The panegyric of the Saint was preached by Right Rev. P. N. Lynch, Bishop of Charleston, and was an eloquent and appropriate oration, descriptive and explanatory of the life, merits, and teachings of St. Patrick, whose example he speaker called on those present to imitate. The services did not conclude until after 1

THE SECULAR CELEBRATIONS

This evening the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, formerly Bishop of Pittsburg, lectures at Concert Hall; subject—"Soggarth Aroon." The proceeds of the lecture me for the benefit of the House of the Good Shepherd.

The annual banquet of the Hibernia Society

will take place at the Continental Hotel, and the Celtic Association will honor the day at their rooms at Gartland's Hall.

There will be a grand demonstration at National Hall at 2 o'clock this atternoon, under the auspices of the Fenian Brotherhood. The meeting is expected to be the largest ever held by Fenians in this circ. by Fenians in this city. The programme con-sists of instrumental and vocal music, patriotic recitations, and addresses by Charles W. Brooke, John O'Byrne, and James Gibbons,

The grand annual ball of the Fenian Brother-bood also comes off this evening at Horticul-tural Hall, Broad street, north of Spruce.

THE STORE ROBBERY ON SOUTH ELEVENTS THE STORE ROBBERY ON SOUTH ELEVENTH
STREET.—The TELEGRAPH of yesterday curouicied the theft of a roil of table linen, containing twenty-five yards, from the front of Mr.
John Burns' dry goods store. No. 217 S.
Eleventh street. A conductor on the Eleventh
street line rolleed two colored lads take the
property, and he sent a boy to inform Mr.
Burns of the occurrence. The proprietor followed the thieves for some distance but leave lowed the thieves for some distance, but lost sight of them. It appears that the youtus pro-ceeded to Fourth and Fitzwater streets, where they attempted the theft of a bag of flour from a grocery store, but were caught in the act by one of the Second district police. They had a basket in their possession, and in it was recovered some of the linen stolen from Mr. Burns' store. Other portions of the stolen properly were recovered in pawn offices on South street. The prisoners had a hearing and were committed for triel.

Numerous petty robberles have of late oc-curred in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Spruce streets, and the Msyor's attention is called to the fact.

DISORDERLY CHARACTEES .- James Dough. DISORDERLY CHARACTEES.—James Dougherly, William Smith, and William Roboins
came out of a saloon on Cheannt street at a
very late hour last night. Dough-rity was disorderly, and Officer Way attempted to arreat
him. Dougherly drew a "billy" and struck the
officer a blow on the head. The other two men
interfered, and assistance reaching Pollosman
Way, the three men were taken late custody.
The prisoners had a hearing before Alderman
Hibberd, and were bound over to answer. On Hibberd, and were bound over to answer. On searching Robbins at the station house a revolver was found in his possession.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—This morning John Crooks, aged sixteen years, employed by Mr Winchester, dealer in gentlemen's furnishing goods, at No. 708 Chesnut street, fell from the fourth-story window of the building to the sidewalk and was instantly killed. The young man had proceeded to the fourth floor on the cumb waiter, and not gaining admittance to the room, he got out of one of the front windows with the intention of passing along the ledge to another window, when he stipped and fell. Deceased resided at No. 638 Sylvester st.

THE WEST ARCH STREET FAIR, which opened last evening, commenced under the most favorable direumstances, and gave evidence of success. The Souday school room, to which it is held, is arranged with exquisite taste, and the articles displayed show how energetically tre ladies have worked, and the excellent judgment they have exhibited. The Fair was crowded during the evening. It opens again at 30 clock to day, and will continue open every afternoon and evening until the 27th.

To morrow evening the fifth musical and To morrow evening the lifth musical and literary entertainment pakes place in the churen, on which occasion Rev. Dr. Willits will deliver his great lecture on "The Molei Wife," The music will be grand.

THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYL. THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENRSYLVANIA,—The seventeenth annual commancement of this popular institution was held at
Concert Hall on the lith inst. Fifteen ladtes
received the degree of Doctor of Medicine.
Among the abless and most competent to meet
all the responsible duties of the position is
Elizabeth F. Perile, of New York. This ambsible and recompilished young lady practised
extensively in the hospital connected with the
lostitution, where from three to four thousand
patients are treated yearly. patients are treated yearly.

THE CITY WARRANTS .- Although Mr. Joseph THE CITY WARRANTS.—Although Mr. Joseph N. Peirsol, the City Treasurer, has only anounced his readiness to pay registered warrants below No. 20000, he is naving all registered warrants issued during 1898, and previous years, some of them numbered as high as \$5,000, and consequently a large crowd is in attendance to-day, receiving the money due them from the city.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT .- Detective Reeder this morning caught one Aranetta Barredy in the act of stealing butter, vegetables etc., from stel's in the Farmers' Market. Sue had a basket containing a quantity of stolen pro-perty. The scensed was held for a hearing at he Central Station this afternoon,

BEAT HIS WIFE .- John Jones, an English man, residing at Front and Union streets, was man, residing at Front and Union streets, was arrested by Officer Siegrist yesterday for beat-ing his wife. The prisoner assaulted the po-liceman while on the way to the lock-up. Iones had a hearing before Alderman Carpenter, and was sent below to answer.

DWELLING ROBBED .- The residence of Mr M. Gillian, at the northeast corner of Juniper and Sansom streets, was entered last night by a second-story window and robbed of \$30. The thieves were frightened off by one of the chil-dren passing up states. They overlooked some three hundred dollars.

SNEAR THEEF.—Edward Riley yesterday helped himself to some 40 lbs. of tallow from the wagon of Jacob Luddy, at Master street and Frankford road. He was caught in the alley with the property in his possession. Alderman Eggleton committed the prisoner to answer.

LARCENY CASE .- John Hopkins, a colored lad, aged fourteen years, was found in the yar! of a house it Tenth and Christian streets last night; when discovered he was helplig himself to some wash clothes. John will have a nearing at the Central Station this afternoon. American Pictures .- B. Scott, Jr., will sell

this evening, at 7% o'clock, at the Art Gallery, No. 1020 Chesnut street, a number of American paintings by artists of reputation, comprising landscapes, marines, river views, etc.; all landscapes, marines, river views, ctc.; all mounted in fine gold leaf frames. ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE. - William Leckfeldt, residing at No. 446 New Market street, has been held to answer by Alderman Toland for attempting yesterday to break a chain over the head of one of the boarders in

ELEGANT RESIDENCE, SALEM, N. J.-Mesers. Thomas & Sons advertise for their sale, April 6, a hardsome modern stone residence, with stable and coach house. Oak street, Salem, N.

J. Lot 192 feet front by 270 deep. FATAL RESULT. - Margaret J. Stewart, aged eighteen years, who was badly burned by her clothes taking fire from a stove atherresidence, No. 328 Dauphin street, died at 4 o'clock this morning.

OWNER WANTED .- An owner is wanted at the Tenth District Police Station for a push-cart found last night at German'town road and

Press Club. - A full attendance of members is desired at the Press Club meeting this afterpoon, as business of importance will be transacted.

## Georgia's Reconstruction.

Despatch to the Associated Press. Washington, March 17 -The following is the amendment reported by the Judiciary Committee to the bill to enforce the confeculty conattitutional amendment in the State of Geergia, and to restore to that State the Republican Government elected under us new Consultation:

stitutional amendment in the State the Republican Government elected under its new Constitution:

Whereas, The Legislatore in the State of Georgia has under its new constitution, preparatory to the rest of ainem of that State to he proper piace in the Union, and to the admission of its menators and Representatives in Congress therefrom has, in violation of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the fourteenth amendment were prohibited from being such members to meet from acting as such, and has permittee and continues to permit and members to act as such, and continues to permit and members to act as such, and continues to permit and members to see a such, and all hereas. A majority of the persons in fact composing and legislature has, in violation of said Constitution of Georgia and in violation of the fundamental principles unon which copy ess consected to the restoration aforesaid, expelled from said legislature has, in violation of said Constitution of the fundamental principles unon which copy ess consected to the restoration aforesaid, expelled from said legislature a large number of the legally qualified members upon the sole ground that they were persons of African blood, and admitted thereto other persons not receiving a majority of votes of the people in their places; and whereas, it appears that the legally unallor of the propers not receiving a majority of votes of the people in their places; and whereas, it appears that include in their places; and whereas, it appears that include in the legal such offerders to justice, whereby it appears that the people of the Said of Georgia have not compiled with the terms or conformed to the principles apon which its restoration was provided for; and that the Government thereof is not in fact republican or regular.

Therefore be it enseted, etc., That so much of the act passed June 28, 168s. as relates to the Said of Georgia have not compiled with the terms or consistent with principles apon which its res

## Markets by Telegraph.

New York, March 17 -btocks unsettled. Gold, do 181%. Exchange 1081; 5-20a 1822, 1193; do, 1864, 115 do, 1865, 1173; new, 1183; 18-68, 16-68, 165; (Curion 6a, 6c) Missouri 6a 884; Canton 6a, 6c; Comparished preterred, 86; New York Central 1881; Reading, 313; Hudson River, 1398; Hilmols Certical, 140; Ocvilend and Toledo 1 67; Chilogo and Book Island, 1295; Pittsburg and Fort Wayna 120; Michigan Central, 118; Michigan Southern, 374;

Fort Wayne 120; Michigan Central, 118; Michigan Scothern, 97 %.

\* Naw York, March 17 — Cotton stand: 1300 bales and at 2814@2214c. Flour steady, and without decided change; sales of 550 ba rels. Wheat firm but qu'el; sales of 25 0 bushels white Califorcia, \$1.7520 i 77. Corn steady; sa'es of 27 650 bushels mixed Western at 88@80c. Oa's quiel. Beef qu'et. Pork firm; new mers \$31 87566 %. Lard firm; steam lec. Whisky dull and quotat one are nominal.

BALTHENER, March 17.—Cotton du'i at 28c. Flour du'i and inactive. Wheat very dul; fair Maryland et \$1.366140. Corn cull and low ar, prime wuite. 80% 82c; yellow opened at 86@88c, and closed heavy at 85c. O ta duii; light Maryland, \$56.55c. Rye du'i at \$1.366140 Provisions very firm at yesterday's quotations. Whisky duil at 25c.

Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third street

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# THE WEST ARCH STREET FAIR, which THIRD EDITION

## WASHINGTON.

The Old and New Secretary of State-The English Mission -The Cuban Question-Hon. John Allison Nominated for Register of the Trea. . sury.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despetch to The Evening Telegraph. Cuba and St. Dominge.

WASHINGTON, March 17. - Tue Cuban and St. Domingo question was considered by the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, and it was determined to call on the new Secretary of State as to the conduct of affairs in Cuba and St. Domingo, so that the committee may have he fullest and latest information before action

The Whisky-Tobacco Tax Bill. The Ways and Means Committee met to day and considered the Supplementary Whisky and

Tobacco Tax bill, and will probably report it in

a day or two. Malitary Affairs. The House Committee on Military Affaire made an official visit to the Secretary of War and the President to-day, and had an interview relative to military matters. The object was to ascertain if any additional legislation is neces-

sary relative to the army.

Office-Seekers seem very much demora/ized at the condition of affairs, and as neither themselves nor their friends can get any satisfaction from General Grant, many of them are going home disgusted. Their places are rapidly filled up, however, by others.

Washburne, Fish, and Motley, The last act of E. B. Washburne before leaving the State Department to-day was to sign the commission of Hon. Hamilton Fish, the new Secretary of State, and the first official act of Mr. Fish was to sign the "commission of the Hon, E. B. Washburne as Minister to France. It is not certain that Motley will be Minister to England. Some days ago it was decided that he should have that place, but since then circumstances have arisen which may necessi-

The Register of the Treasury. The President has nominated the Hon. John Allison, of Pennsylvania, to be Segister of the Treasury, in place of Noah L. Jeffries, resigned.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS -First Session.

WASHINGTON, March 17.-Mr. Samuer pre-sented the memorial of citizens of Texas, set-ting forth the frightful countrion of affairs in that State, which they attribute to Johnson's policy; procesting against the organization of a State government at present, and suggesting as a remeoy that the State be divided into two or three parts, and praced under territorial or military government. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, with an amendment, but without recommending any action upon to.

the bill to enforce the marttenth constitutions amenament in the State of Georgia, the committee naving been unable to agree upon any recommendation, atmough they had agreed upon the amendment.

Mr. Trumbull, from the same committee, re-

d back the credentlals of Josana Hillan H. V. M. Miller, claiming to be Senators-elect from Georgia, with the recommendation that they be laid on the table until action should have been taken on the joint resolution in re-gard to Georgia. Mr. Trambul said that he made this recommendation by the justructions of the majority of the committee, his own opinion being that the Sanate ought to act on the oredentials of these gentlemen without further

Mr. Conkling introduced a bill to promote the building of steamships in the United States and to provide for the carrying of the United States mails between New York and Europe by steamships built in the United States. Reerred to the Committee on Commerce. Mr. Wilson introduced a bill relating to the Freedmen's Boreau. Referred. Mr. Cole introduced a bill to forther the ad-

ministration of justice. Referred to the Com-mittee on the Judiciary. Mr. Pomeros introduced a bill granting lands o aid in the construction of a rattroad and telegraph line from the southern boundary of Kan-ss to the Pacific Oc-an, with a brauch to the southern boundary of the United States in the

direction of Et Pasc. Referred to Committee on Public Lands. Mr. Morton introduced the joint resolution, of which he had given notice on Monday, pre-scribing the manner of proceeding by State Legislatures upon amendments to the Consti-

tation proposed to them for ratification, and on his motion it was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler offered a resolution which was agreed to requesting the President to send to the Senate copies of the correspondence be-tween President Buchanan and Secretary of State Cass, in regard to the policy to be pursued evert the tuen impending war of the Re-

in regard to light houses on the coast of Oregon, which was passed.

Mr. Chandler called up the joint resolution to allow the New York, Newloundland, and London Telegraph Company to land its submarine cable on the shores of the United

Mr. Stockton offered an amendment making the provisions of the bill general in their application to other cable telegraph companies.

This was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, which brought up as un-denshed business the bill to repeat the Tonure-of-Office act, and Mr. Edmunds resumed his argument against it.

Blouse of Representatives. On motion of Mr. Wells, the Secretary of the Treatury was directed to communicate information as to the present condition of the St. Louis Custom House. Several resolutions extending the time for

Several resolutions extending the lime for taking testimony in contested election cases were reported by Mr. Paine. Chairman of the Committee on Elections, and were adopted.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Ladian Appropriation oill, which was made the special order for tomorrow. The bill appropriates \$2,421,000.

Mr. Dawes, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution to supply omissions in the enrelment of some of the general appropriation bills of last season. One of them requires the owners of bonded warehouses to remburse the Government the salaries of store-

imburse the Government the salaries of store-acepers, etc. "Another is for lighting the Capi-of and President's house.

The question being on the passage of the joint

Mr Beck argued against the bonded ware-

Mr. Beck argued against the bonded warehouse proposition.
Mr. Entiler (Mass.) explained and advocated
the proposition which he said had been unantmonely agreed upon by the committee of confarence at 30 clock on the morning of the 4th
of March, and which was at that hour the law
of the land. But it being a matter which took
a million and a haif of dollars ent of the
postelase the whisky dealers, of course the

pockets of the whisky dealers, of course the provisions dropped out in the enrolment of the bill. He dis know whem to blame.

Mr. Washburn (Wis.) asked Mr. Butler whether he meant to charge that it was omitted intentionally.

Mr. Butler, in reply, related the anecdote of the fool, who told the miller he knew that millers' hogs were always fat, but did not know on whose corn they were fattened.

Here was a whole section fairly written out and omitted in the enrolment of the bill.

Mr. Massburg (Wia) remarked that it was a very serious matter. If an enroling cierk were guilty of that offense it should be known.

and he hoped the gentleman from Massichustis would take means to havelt made known.

Mr. Butler said he did not know who was responsible for it. He was informed that it was an accident, which had happened over soot over soot in former Congresses. He did not think it proper to discuss the merits of the question now. It had been the law, but, through an accident or blunder, or something else, the law had been altered.

Mr. Schenck defended the Enrolling Clark from any imputation on his integrity. The principal Enrolling Clerk, whom he knew to be a most worthy officer, had informed him that he and the other clerks had been working for forty consecutive hours, and were completely exhausted when the conference report on this particular appropriation bill was sent to them from which to make up the several items particular appropriation bill was sent to them from which to make up the several items in enrolling it. The report as presented to them was confused and difficult to be understood, and bence the clause in question had been overlocked. He (Mr. Schenex) had no knowledge of any such item being in the bill, but he understook to say, from his knowledge of the principal Euralian Cerk, that he was as incapable of having designedly omitted anything proper to be inserted in a bill as any member of the House, no matter who He protested against all such legislation in appropriation bills, and argued particularly against returning to the system which had been tried and abandoned, of making inspectors the creatures and took of distillers.

Mr. Butler held up the manuscript report of the conference committee, and called attention

the conference committee, and called attention to the omitted paragraph, which he said was underscored with heavy black these He also commented on the fact that coposition to the joint resolution came from the Committee of Ways and Mans, from the committee of Ways and Mans, from the gentleman from Kentucky (Beet), who represents done of the largest districts in the United States, and from the Chairman of the Committee on Eurolled Buis, Mr. Holwan, who had made a point of order on it, and whose duty it was to see that the bill was pro

#### THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Bennte.

HARRISHURG, March 17 - At the opening of the session Mr. Beck, of Lycoming, made a statement in regard to a bill passed on Monday right in his abs-nee, which action he de-clared to be an outrage on the rights of the p-opie of his district and of all courtesy to hinself. He was sorry to find that some Demo-cratic colleagues had been so mistaken as to yote for it.

The bill abolished the Twenty-ninth Judicial District, and he felt confident that the whole thing was the result of a conspiracy, first to secure his absence in Philadelphia, and then to perpetrate this outrage, concerted and put through by Peter Hardic, of Williamsport, whom he charged as "one of the most corrupt scoundrels that entered the halls of legislation." Mr. Beck concluded by asking that the bill be repealed, and he offered an act for that purpose, which after some discussion was passed.
The following bills were introduced and re-

ferred to committees:-Mr. McCangless read one supplementary to the set of March 1881, and its supplements, authorizing a free bridge at South street; consolidating the loan authorized, and exempting

it from taxation.

Mr. Stinson, one incorporating the Pottstown Gas and Water Company.

Mr. McConnell, one condiming the title of certain real estate in George A. Heyl gand others. others
Also, authorizing the trustees under the will
o John W Kester, deceased, to sell real estate.
Also, incorporating the Vessel Owners' and
Cap ains' Association for the protection and
promotion of the interests of the members of

promotion of the interests of the members of the Association.

Also one incorporating the American Dry Goods Company, to do jobbing, vending, and importing by wholesale of dry goods, cloths, notions, etc., in New York and elsewhere, and with an office or agency in this State. The capital is to be \$300,000, and the incorporators are R. H. B. Fatrman, C. C. Schuyler, Isaac R. Childs and others.

Childs, and others. Also, one requiring all justices or other offi-cers of the State before whom complaint shall be made for violation of the act of April 22, 1791, "the Sunday law," to compel the complainant to make out h that she or he does not complain from improper motives, before any process in issued.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Hong moved that a certain bill giving the city of Philadelphia the control of all springs, streams, and waters, and preventing their defilement, he referred tack to the Committee on Cerporations. Toris was agreed to It was understood that the bill would injuriously affect the manufacturing interests of Philad Inhia. Philad lphia.

Mr. Hogate offered the following: much of an actuassed on the 8th of May, 1896, as requires the construction of culverts in Philadelphia on the side of the streets, be and the same is hereby repealed."

Mr. Adaire introduce a supplement to the Union Ingurance Company. Referred.

BATES' MILITARY HISTORY. The special order of the day was the act relative to Entes' Military History. The first section authorizes the completion of the wark before January I, 1871, in not more than three volumes, of which ten thousand copies are to be printed at a cost not exceeding five dollars are volumes. The second section provides for per volume. The second section provides for the distribution as follows;—Representatives, 20 copies each; Senators, 30 copies each; clerks, 0 copies each. This to continue until the year

The resident clerk is made the custodian of the books, and it is his dury to forward the books. Fifty copies shall be left in the State Library, and one copy to each officer of the Legislature. All the remaining copies to be derivered to the Governor, and to be distributed so as to furnish each public library, college, and Normal school with one copy; and the theorems is authorized to draw his warrant. the Governor is authorized to draw his warrant

in payment.

Mr. Davis, of Philadelphia, explained his position on the bili. The Legislature had got itself into the dilemma of taking some books, and 5000 of the books had been printed under the direction of the Governor, in accordance with a statute which allows the heads of departments to order such publications.

The State printer had presented an account charging \$6.90 per volume, but he (Davis) con-

sidered the charge exorbitant, and refused to allow the bill to come out of committee until it was reduced. Finally it was reduced to \$5 per volume, which was within twenty-five cents per volume of the amount (\$1.75) which leading publishers of Philadelphia had told the committee they would chairman of the committee they would have charged. He (Davis) believed now, as he had believed from the first, that the State Printer should only be alfirst, that the State Printer should only be allowed such rates as were specified in his regular contract. (Note, This would have amounted to \$3.20 per volume.) But it appeared that under existing laws the work was subject to some extra charges. The case was an illustration of the way of giving out work for prices higher than it could legitimately be done for, and then charging the State for extra work. The editor of The Evening Telegraph, of Philadelphia, was mistaken in asserting that Philadelphia, was mistaken in asserting that he (Davis) in any possible way favored any

needless expenditure.

The debate, efter the speech of Mr. Davis, merged into a series of general political attacks. The war and its actors were discussed, as well as the merits and demerits of the respective as the morits and dements of the respective political parties. The speakers included Davis, Streng, and Clark, of Warren, on the Republi-can side, and Playford, Cornman, Brown, of Clarion, and McMiller, on the Democratic side The bill passed to a second reading and was laid over, there not being the requisite two-thirds in its favor to suspend the rates for its

Affairs in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 17 .- A special despatch from Springfield says that Governor Patmer will pretty surely veto the Lake Front bill. This bill gives the entire lake front south of the month of the Chicago river to Sixteenth street to the Illinois Central Railroad. The auniversary of St. Patrick's day is recog-

nized in this city to day by a procession, etc. WEDDING INVITATIONS, ENGRAVED IN the newest and best manner.
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The Candidature of the Spanish Throne-Freedom of Speech in Germany-Presidential Nominations.

The New Jersey M. E. Conference.

### FOREIGN.

By Atlantic Cable.

Freedom of Speech in Germany. BERLIN, March 17,-The North German Parliament has passed a bill securing freedom of speech in all the Diets of Germany.

Matrimony in Paris. Pants, March 17, -James B. Andrews, Esq., of New York, son of Loring Andrews, was married to Miss Fanny Griswold Field, youngest daughter of Cyrus W. F eld, at the United States Legation in this city to day.

The Candidatore for the Spanish Throne. MADRID, March 17 .- During the sittings of the Constituent Cortes, yesterday, General Prim, M nister of War, announced that the Monarchists were prepared with their candidate for the throne, and that his name would be made public very soon.

This Evening's Quotations,

London, March 17 — Evening.—Consols for money, 93, and for account, 934. 5-20s, 834. Rathways firm: Eric, 24g; Ilitoois Centrat, 964. Frankfirt, March 17.—5-20s dult at 874. Laverroot, March 17.—C tton quiet. Uplands, 12\pi\12\ddots\12\d Linseed O.I. £30 10s.

ANTWERP, March 17 .- Petroleum, 55f. Holders

### METHODISM.

Meeting of the New Jersey Conference of the M. F. Church.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. MILLVILLE, N. J., March 17 .- The Conterence was opened with religious services conducted by Bishop Clark, Dr. Brown, and the presiding elders. This was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper, of which ministers and mem-

bers partoek. After these religious services the roll of members was called, and one hundred and thirty answered to their names.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. J. Warthman from the Holston to the New Jersey Conterence, Rev. J. D. King was elected Secretary, and Revs. W. W. Alten and J. Barnard were appointed his assistants.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were The standing committees were nominated by the Presiding Eider.
A committee on the American and Foreign Christian Un on was appointed.

The rules of order of the last Conference were acopted for this Conference.
It was ordered that the missionary anniversary and sermon take place on Friday afternoon and evening.

A resolution of thanks to the Committee on Minutes for the manter in which they have A resolution was passed to print in the public inutes the names of contributors to the Mis-Siolary Society. A resolution commending the objects of the

Freedmen's A'd Society was read and adopted, and Mr. Rust, its representative, addressed the Conference on the subject in a most elequent Bishop Clark heartily endorsed both the speaker and the cause.

The seventh or-cipitary question was taken up, and the characters of Revs. Dr. Brown and .Je quet were passed, and their relation changed to effective.
R. vs. F. B. Woolstons', A. Atwood's, J. S. Beegle's, S. Townsend's, A. Owen's, and J. P. Morriell's characters were passed. The name of J. Vannote was called, and his Presiding Elder stated that there were complaints against him, and he had been suspended. This gendeman is editor of the New Jersey State Gazette. A com-nittee was appointed to investigate the findings.

The eighth question was taken up. Rev. S. Rusning's character was passed. The seventh question being resumed, W. H. Jeffries' character was passed. A warm discus-sion took pince on the relation of this brother,

#### pending which the Conference adjourned. FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Desputch to The Evening Telegraph,

A Journalistic Enterprise. WASHINGTON, March 17 .- Frederick Douglas, George T. Downing, and others have formed an association for the publication of a weekly newspaper here in the interest of the colored people. It will be commenced at once, and will be under the editorial charge of Fred,

The President's Nominations, Despatch to Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 17 .- The President has

sent several cominations to the Senate to-day, but it is said they are not of an important character. The scal is not yet broken. Special Desputch to The Evening Telegraph. NEW YORK, March 17 .- The anniversary of

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated to day with the usual festivities. The bright sun and genial air bave attracted thousands of spectators to the streets through which the procession passes, and the city wears a gala day appearance. Frags are flying on the City Hall and many other buildings, and several thousand men, women, and children are waiting at the City Hall Park to witness the review of the parade. The procession formed up town at twelve o'clock, and made an attractive appearance.

St. Patrick in Boston Beston. March 17.—St. Patrick's Day is being generally observed by the Irish cutzens of the and surrounding cities. The principal feature is a procession, in which there are about ave thousand, accompanied by upwards of twinty full bands. There will be balls and other festive

gatherings in the evening. General Custer Captured CHICAGO, March 17. — A special Omaha desparch to the Tribune repeats the story of General Conter's capture by the Indians eight days ago, but gives no additional particulars.

see Arrest of a Pugilist. Foston, March 17 -The pugilist O'Baldwin was arrested yes orday, and is under bonds for trial, charged with breaking the peace.

Quotations by Telegraph-3 P. M: